

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Claims 26-35 have been added. Hence, Claims 26-35 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested.

I. SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16 and 18-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Jensen, U.S. Patent No. 5,956,043 ("Jensen"), in view of Glassner's Notebook, "Aperiodic Tiling," *IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications*, May/June 1998, pages 83-90 ("Glassner"). Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16, and 18-25 have been cancelled, obviating the rejections of those claims.

II. NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 26-35 recite limitations that were not previously recited in any other claims of the present application. Support for these limitations is found, for example, on page 12 of the present application. The Office Action does not allege that any cited reference teaches or suggests these limitations.

Therefore, based on at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 26-35 are allowable over the art of record and are in condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

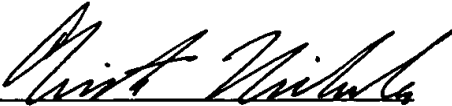
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any fee shortages or credit any overages Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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